

# News Release

## *Parker River National Wildlife Refuge*

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## Refuge Road Rehab Will Limit Some Access

Officials at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge have announced that reconstruction of the gravel portion of the refuge road – between the Hellcat Swamp parking lot and Sandy Point State Reservation – will limit access to portions of the refuge and the state reservation on certain days of the week beginning on or about April 22<sup>nd</sup>. While the road project is expected to be completed by the end of May, the exact duration of the work is likely to be influenced by a number of factors, including weather.

After carefully considering a variety of options that would maximize work progress while also minimizing impacts on visitors, refuge staff have decided that the gravel road will be closed to all traffic (motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian), on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. One-way traffic, facilitated by the presence of flag personnel, will be allowed on and Friday mornings. Two-way traffic will be permitted on Friday afternoons and on the weekends.

Anyone having questions about the road reconstruction project should contact the refuge at (978) 465-5753. Updates about the construction project and related traffic limitations will be posted to the refuge web site: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/parkerriver/>.

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